

SECTION 28 DIRECTION REVIEW FORM

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| MOD HOLDING: | Yoxter Training Area and Range | | | | |
| TLB: | Defence Infrastructure Organisation | | | | |
| CROW AREA: | 3 | | | | |
| DATE OF ORIGINAL DIRECTION: | 05/12/2007 | | | | |
| CATEGORY | COMMON | | OPEN COUNTRY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | DEDICATED |
| S28 TERM | SHORT TERM DATES: | | | | |
| | LONG TERM DATES: | | | | |
| | INDEFINITE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION OF SITE: Yoxter Training Area and Range is an area of unimproved grassland situated within the Mendip Hills in Somerset some 8km north of the Cheddar Gorge. Part of the site is a designated SSSI associated with outstanding grassland communities associated with the Mendip Plateau. | | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION OF MILITARY USE: The training area is available for small arms and dry training. It is also used heavily for helicopter training and non-tracked vehicles. Live firing is carried out during daylight hours only. Dry training entails the use of blank ammunition, pyrotechnics, trip flares and illuminating flares. There is a bivouac area suitable for up to 100 personnel which is used by both soldiers and cadet forces. | | | | | |
| CURRENT PUBLIC ACCESS: The Danger Area is closed to public access at all times with notices to that effect. Public access is permitted to other areas of the site via a PROW and other CROW access land. | | | | | |
| ORIGINAL S28 JUSTIFICATION: 1. This is a case of access land mapped within a defined Range Danger Area. All access land within Danger Area must continue to be subject to restriction in the interest of public safety during defence activity. 2. MOD intends to create byelaws for this area under the current byelaw review programme resulting in this land being permanently excepted from CROW access legislation. Any byelaw proposals will be subject to public consultation. | | | | | |
| REVIEW COMMENTS: The Military Use section is still relevant. The original s28 justification remains valid and there is a continued need for a s28 CROW direction. | | | | | |
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| MAP ATTACHED: | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | NO | |

RELEVANT ACCESS AUTHORITY:

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